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EGG-CELLENT CATCH • Bria Flear, 4, of Didsbury scrambles to collect as many eggs as possible during an Easter egg hunt at Hugh Sutherland School in Carstairs last Saturday.

House-sitters faced with flooded basement

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

What may be every house-sitter's worst nightmare became reality for one Didsbury couple last week.

Darrel and Sherry Howden got quite a shock when they returned to the Westwood Drive residence on Tuesday evening to find about 46 inches of water in the basement.

"It was like all hell broke loose," Sherry said of the deluge, adding that everything had appeared normal the previous day.

Soon after, the Town of Didsbury Public Works department and the fire department arrived with pumps and hoses. It took four two-and-a-half-inch hoses pumping for about three hours to drain the water.

"It's a good thing they were around," said an appreciative Darrel last Wednesday afternoon, as he watched water stream from a hose attached to a sump pump left by the town to continue draining water.

"Without those boys, I don't know what we would have done."

The flooding, which also affected several other houses throughout town, was the result of climbing temperatures and sunny weather rapidly melting the snow.



Tim DenOudsten / Didsbury Review
MESSY • Cornerstone Enterprises, Inc. contractor Trevor Quantz wades in a stream of melted snow near Westwood Dr. last Wednesday. A trackhoe and other equipment was used to move snow and direct water away from houses.

"We have areas that the snow is melting really quickly with the warm weather we have," explained Manager of Public Works Charlie Macdonald. "We have culverts that

are frozen up on driveways and we have snow that's melting and running where it wants and we're trying to assist some of our tax base with those issues.

"We're trying to make sure we minimize the damage that it's causing."

A backhoe, bulldozer and skid steer were also brought in to manage the snow in a field behind Westwood Drive residences.

Slushy conditions helped to stem the water, noted Cornerstone Enterprises Inc. contractor Trevor Quantz.

"Slush dams up and it doesn't want to flow very well," he said.

Water damage to the house's basement was relatively minor, Sherry indicated Wednesday as the Howdens waited for an assessor from the insurance company to arrive.

"When you're looking after somebody's place...you never ever expect something like this to happen," she said.

Spring repairs to begin soon

Once the frost is out of the ground, the town will begin sweeping Didsbury's streets and filling potholes, said Macdonald.

Public works staff will also be flushing water mains and repainting street and crosswalk lines.

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Some dates to circle on your calendar:

Wednesday, April 15

The Didsbury District Community Bus has had a defibrillator installed in it. There will be a demonstration by a certified EMT of how to use this machine at 7 p.m. tonight at the 5-0 Club which is located at 2500 15th Ave. Everyone welcome.

Cemetery meeting at the town office at 7 p.m.

Friday, April 17

Didsbury Curling Club is presenting Theatre Didsbury's new comedy in the Multi-purpose Room at the Complex. Tickets from curlers or at the door. This is a pub nite and lunch is available.

Saturday, April 18

St. Hilda's Chapter O.E.S. Annual Military Whist Card Party will start at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Door prizes, draws for prizes, etc. Lunch to follow. All proceeds for the D.H.S. Scholarship Fund.

Didsbury Elks annual fun casino and auction from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Tickets at Gallery of Floors, Sears, or at the door.

Monday, April 20

Lawyer Vern Good will be speaking tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. at Didsbury Neighborhood Place. The subject - your will, power of attorney, or a personal directive. There is a small charge. Please phone 403-335-8719 to register.

Thursday, April 23

Eldon Foote Hall will not be open for seniors today as a short trip has been planned.

Saturday, April 25

It's time again for the community garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the lower level of the curling rink. Please phone 403-335-8719 to reserve a table.

Sunday, April 26

Knox United Church is presenting Visions Country Gospel starting at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at the Knox Thrift Store, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the church office, 403-335-8373, or from Joyce at 403-335-3840.

You are welcome to come to the Didsbury Aquatic Centre from 1 to 3 p.m. to be part of the Remax free family swim.

Monday, April 27

If you have a family member or a friend suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia, please come and join the support group at Aspen Ridge Lodge from 7 to 9 p.m.. Please call Sharon or Dolina at 403-335-7285 for more info.

Wednesday, April 29

The Community Bus is on a casino trip to Calgary, leaving the Complex at 3:30 p.m. Phone Bea at 403-335-3058 to reserve your seat.

Thursday, April 30

The doors at Eldon Foote Hall will open at 1:30 p.m. for all seniors of the town and districts. Today there will be a demonstration of paper crafts, a fold-out photo holder; excellent for grandmas and grandpas. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, May 1

Cribbage play will start at 7 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. Coffee and goodies are served.

The Didsbury O.O.R.P. (Royal Purple) is having a fashion show at the Elks Hall starting at 7 p.m. This is for ladies only (no minors). Business dress please; no jeans. All local retailers are involved. A special lunch will be served. Tickets are available from Joan Hannah, 403-335-4511, Terry Phillips, 403-335-4074, or Shirley Thompson at 403-335-3787.

Saturday, May 2

The Didsbury Girl Guide groups will be visiting your home today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on their spring cookie sale, or you can purchase cookies at the Train Station.

This will probably be my last column until July. Hopefully, I will have recovered from two surgeries by then. If there is someone who would like to write a column like this, please talk to Murray at 403-556-7510.

Saturday, May 9

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church annual Strawberry Tea, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in parish hall. Everyone welcome!

Council Briefs

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Town to step up parking infraction enforcement

Council refused a request from Home Hardware to lift the two-hour parking limit on two parking spots on 18 Ave. beside the store at its recent regular meeting.

"There's lots of parking across the street at the CPR lot," Coun. Gayle Veno said, referring to the lot along 20 St. near the train station where school buses park on school mornings.

"We want to try to keep that downtown core accessible for business patrons," indicated Mayor Brian Wittal. "That's why the two-hour is going to stay in place."

"I probably will be doing more [enforcement] than I have been," said bylaw officer Derek Sutherland, noting that most of the violators are business owners and employees.

"People should know better and leave spots for their customers," he said.

Sutherland added that another traffic violation that bylaw will begin focusing on is drivers who make U-turns to get into angled parking stalls on the left-hand side of the road.

These illegal turns result in "most of our downtown accidents or near-misses," he said.

Spring cleanup format chosen

The second annual Spring Clean-up has been set for the week of May 11-16. The Town of Didsbury will offer residents free garbage and yard waste disposal at the landfill site on Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tags can be picked up at the public works office during the week of the cleanup.

For those with limited mobility, curbside pickup will be available for a small fee.

The budget for the

cleanup has been set for \$4,000.

Heritage signs a no-go for now

Council discussed the possibility of replacing street signs in Didsbury's downtown core with new 'heritage' signs as recommended in the Central Core Heritage Plan adopted last year, which also describes the criteria that must be followed when renovating or building in the downtown core.

It was determined that 40 signs would be needed, with cost quote estimates

ranging from \$4,800 to \$6,200.

However, council decided that replacing other signs - especially safety markers, such as stop and yield signs - should be given priority.

"We felt that what we would do is defer purchasing any of those [heritage signs] this year," said Mayor Brian Wittal, adding that council will be revisiting the issue at a later date.

"We've got to look at that again because as the downtown area continues to grow, we need to try and finish that off," he said.



Photo courtesy Town of Didsbury

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

- 'Heritage'-style street signs like this one could start appearing downtown later this year.

What you need to know about intersection speed-violation enforcement

As of April 1, 2009, law enforcement agencies across Alberta may issue speed violation tickets using data from Intersection Safety Device Technology. Speeding tickets can be issued at all phases of the traffic signal. These devices will also continue to be used for red-light violations.

In 2007, 92 people were killed and 10,092 were injured in traffic collisions at intersections in Alberta. Many of these collisions involved speeding.

Intersection safety devices will be located at existing red-light camera locations. Future locations can also be established at signalized intersections that have a high number of collisions or high frequency of violations.

To learn more, visit transportation.alberta.ca/ISD or call 310-0000, then dial 780-427-8901.

Government of Alberta ■

Crooks cause night of mayhem

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN

Didsbury Review

Didsbury RCMP is still investigating the actions of several individuals who are believed to have stolen several vehicles and broken into multiple businesses in Carstairs and Didsbury.

On April 8 at about 3:30 a.m. the lock of a Ford F350 pickup parked on Osler Street in Carstairs was punched out and a wallet was taken from the vehicle. Shortly thereafter, a 2009 white Ford F350 pickup parked on Centre Street was stolen.

Also at about 3:30 a.m., police responded to a break-and-enter at the Carstairs Co-op Gas Bar. A store window was smashed with a rock in an attempt to steal cigarettes.

However, the cartons had been securely stored following a previous break-in at the business on March 14 where the perpetrators were also not able to make off with any merchandise. That incident remains under investigation as well.



Mark Laycock/For the Review

COLLISION - A six-motorcycle collision on Hwy. 582 east of Didsbury last Saturday (above) required a STARS Air Ambulance to be dispatched to Carstairs (inset). Three people were injured in the collision, which occurred on Hwy. 582, just east of the Hwy. 2A intersection, at approximately 11:40 a.m. A female rider was taken to Didsbury Hospital in stable condition, while two males were taken to Calgary, one by STARS, both in serious condition. Charges have not yet been laid as Didsbury RCMP is still investigating the circumstances of the incident. Officials remind everyone that motorcyclists are back on the road and that others drivers need to share the road responsibly.

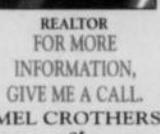
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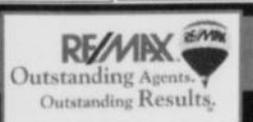
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Health councils must be put in place

DAN SINGLETON



With the amalgamation of Alberta's health regions into the Alberta Health Services Board (AHSB) now complete, it's high time for the Stelmach government to move forward with the appointment of updated community health councils.

In announcing the formation of the AHSB last year, the government said the revamped community health councils would be appointed as "advisory bodies offering Albertans the opportunity to identify health needs and help set health priorities for their communities."

Health Minister Ron Liepert says the councils are "currently being reviewed to ensure they continue to offer valuable public input. This review includes learning about their past successes and challenges to develop a future strategy for these councils."

Over the past decades Alberta has gone from having dozens and dozens of locally based health boards, to having a number of elected regional health authorities, to having fewer non-elected health authorities, to having one government-appointed super board.

Where in the past residents with health concerns could go directly to their respective hospital board members or elected RHA members, those options for direct contact with those in charge of the health system are now history.

As such, the community health councils will be the only way residents can voice their concerns about health services and with the overall health system.

Of course residents can also bring health concerns to their MLAs, but those MLAs are tied to their respective political parties and, in the case of Conservative MLAs, answerable to their political masters in the Stelmach cabinet.

Until the community health councils are in place, ordinary Albertans will be without a viable way of calling attention to health-care shortcomings and problems.

The government says information on the future direction of community health councils will be shared once its review is complete.

"We ask you to journey with us as we work to create a patient-focused health-care system that is accessible and sustainable for everyone," says AHSB chairman Ken Hughes.

Albertans will not only expect the AHSB to ensure the system is "accessible and sustainable", but also that it is responsive to public direction.

The recent outrage over the AHSB's decision to give itself a 25 per cent pay increase is a prime example of the need for community-based councils where politicians and bureaucrats can be brought to heel.

The Stelmach government may not like the idea of ordinary Albertans calling the shots when it comes to the health system, but that's the way it must be.

And that will only happen when the community health councils are up and running. Until then, who's really in charge?



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Commentary

Alberta's been here before

MARK MILKE

In March 1987, then Alberta treasurer Dick Johnston – back when finance ministers were called treasurers – told Albertans they enjoyed the highest per-capita program spending in the country.

Albertans also enjoyed a \$3.3-billion deficit the previous budget year as a result of such spending. Johnston's response was to tell Albertans to pay up.

Thus, Johnston's remedy to red ink leaned heavily in the direction of increased taxes. In his 1987 budget, he raised corporate taxes by one-third, health-care premiums by 28 per cent, and fees in nursing homes by 40 per cent. He also raised personal income taxes in the hopes \$1 billion could be added on the revenue side. In all, Johnston raised or introduced 23 separate taxes.

Balancing the budget with tax increases was impossible. It was an experiment in taxing one's way out of a budgetary imbalance and guaranteed to fail. While a government might slip in a barely noticeable tax increase without an effect upon incentives, a 23-item tax hike of a billion dollars is akin to smothering an ill patient with chloroform.

That reality left the spending side to help balance the books. In 1987, the treasurer did promise some budget cuts; Premier Don Getty and his treasurer had long hinted at and occasionally pruned spending after the collapse of energy prices in 1986. But compared to the tax increases of about 13 per cent above existing revenues, the spending cuts at a predicted four per

cent of program spending were underwhelming.

The 1987 actions were part of a plan launched the year before to balance the books by 1990. "A deficit of this size cannot be allowed to continue," said Johnston in his 1987 budget remarks.

Except that it did. The province incurred \$2.1 billion in red ink in 1990—the planned year for balanced books, followed by deficits of \$1.8 billion in 1991, \$2.6 billion in 1992, \$3.3 billion in 1993, and almost \$1.4 billion in 1994.

It wasn't until 1995 that a surplus was produced and only after a deficit binge that left Alberta \$22.7 billion in debt.

What finally turned the corner was not another 23-point tax hike; it was public clarity, first, followed, second, by a political awakening in the Liberal party and then in the Tories that spending had risen to unsustainable heights and must be brought down.

Total program expenses in 1990 amounted to \$13.8 billion and continued to climb, hitting a peak of \$16.2 billion in 1993; program spending was cut back to \$13.5 billion in 1995 and \$12.7 billion in 1996.

But that never happened under Getty and Johnston, out of the premier's chair and the finance portfolio respectively in later 1992; they were replaced by Ralph Klein and Jim Dinning.

The provincial government was only helped in a small way by revenues, which were at their lowest level in 1990 and at their highest in 1995, the latter due to a significant uptick in resource revenue. But the province couldn't have relied on that luck to

balance the books. In 1996, the province's own-source revenue, including from resources, again dropped. Without a spending chop, and some restraint in the increases in the following years, deficits would have been as common in the last half of the 1990s as they were in the first half.

Fast forward to 2009 and proponents of deficits appear to have dressed up in 1980s-style fiscal drag and the corresponding justifications.

But here's the reality check for the recent years: Had Alberta kept program spending tied to inflation and population growth since 2001, program spending would have been \$25.6 billion in the fiscal year just ended (the end of March). Instead, program expenses (I'm not including capital expenditures) were \$11.2 billion higher at \$36.8 billion in fiscal 2009. That was 43 per cent higher than can be justified by population growth and inflation.

In 1986, at the beginning of the last provincial spiral into deficit financing, Premier Getty said that "The deficit can be handled. We are the strongest province financially. . . . Despite cutbacks we still have the largest per capita spending on our social services system of any province."

Back then, Getty, as with apologists for red ink now, missed the relevant point he himself introduced: That above-average spending would eventually have to change if the province was to avoid a lengthy string of deficits.

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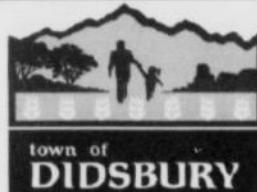
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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 7:00pm in Council Chambers

MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 4:30pm in Council Chambers

DIDSBUY LIFELINE ASSOCIATION:

Monday, June 8, 2009 at 10:00am in Council Chambers

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Contest closes April 24

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- **WILL/POWER OF ATTORNEY** - On April 20, come out for some inexpensive advice and tips on having these documents prepared from 7 - 9pm. Cost: \$15+GST/person.
- **CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE** - For adults and children aged 12+. April 23 (6-9pm), April 24 (6-9pm) and April 25 (8-4pm). Cost is \$80+GST/person. Deadline to register is April 16.
- **COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** - Sell your gently used or new items on April 25, 2009 from 9am - 3pm in the Curling Rink, cost is \$15.00+GST/table.

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Application deadline: April 28, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF DIDSBUY

LAND USE BYLAW 2009-03

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of Didsbury has passed first reading of a bylaw to create a new Land Use Bylaw.

- (1) The purpose of this bylaw is to, amongst other things:
 - (a) divide the municipality into districts;
 - (b) prescribe and regulate the purpose for which land and buildings may be used for each district;
 - (c) establish the office of the Development Officer;
 - (d) establish a method of making decisions on applications for development permits including the issuing of development permits;
 - (e) prescribe a procedure to notify owners of land likely to be affected by the issue of a development permit;
 - (f) implement any municipal statutory plans; and
 - (g) may prohibit or regulate and control the use and development of lands and buildings in a municipality

A public hearing prior to second and third reading of the proposed bylaw will be held April 21, 2009, commencing at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue.

The hearing will be conducted under the chairmanship of the Mayor, or his designated person, for the purpose of hearing opinions and comments and/or objections to the proposed bylaw.

The style of the hearing will be informal and persons wishing to speak will be requested to state their name and address for the record upon being recognized by the Chairman. Opportunities to speak will not be restricted, but recognition to speak will be at the discretion of the Chairman. Written responses will also be accepted up until 12:00 noon April 20, 2009.

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendments at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037-19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday; or view a copy on the Town of Didsbury website at www.didsbury.ca.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

In partnership with the community, the **Town of Didsbury** is sponsoring the **Annual Spring Clean-up** scheduled for the **week of May 11-16th, 2009**.



Local Schools and the Didsbury Scouting group will be clean-sweeping the whole community, playgrounds and green spaces.

Residents are encouraged to clean up their properties throughout the week and take advantage of the free landfill day on Saturday, May 16th from 9am – 1pm.

In order to access the landfill site for free, you will be required to pick up a tag (with proof of residency) during the week of May 11-15th between 8am and 4pm at Public Works located at 2309-19 Street. **NOTE: For residents with mobility issues, curbside pick up can be arranged for a \$20 fee.

Regular household waste, household hazardous waste, waste oil and scrap metal will be accepted free of charge at the landfill site between the hours of 9am and 1pm on Saturday, May 16th.

Any freon containing appliances and propane tanks will be charged accordingly at the landfill site.

The Town of Didsbury has a Recycle depot located at 2311 – 19 Street. Recycling is also available at the landfill site.

To assist with yard clean-up, a grass and leaf bin will be available at the Recycle depot in Didsbury in the spring and fall (May 15 – June 15th and September 15th - October 15th)

For more information, to pick up a tag or for a list of what is accepted on Saturday May 16th at the landfill site, please call the Town of Didsbury Public Works at 403-335-8343, check the Town of Didsbury ads in the Didsbury Review or online information at www.didsbury.ca.

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Positive Response to Didsbury Condo Project

"Heritage Crossing", a proposed 45+ condominium project, was a huge hit at the Didsbury Trade Show!

The 40-unit condominium project designed by Custom Homes by Ashbury Design is planned for a vacant lot on 21st Avenue, the site of the old Missionary Church.

Morris Monk, President and owner of Ashbury Design, says the location is perfect for a project of this nature. Condo owners will be within walking distance to many off-site amenities in the heart of Didsbury's heritage and downtown district.

Over 100 people at Didsbury's Art, Travel and Trade Expo provided positive feedback about the building's turn of the century design and unique on-site amenities. Favourable comments were received about the library/coffee lounge, the fitness room and the Atrium multi-purpose room.

Many visitors expressed the need for quality affordable 45+ condo housing and were excited to hear that Heritage Crossing would be pet-friendly and have underground parking.

The building is designed to fit in

with the Town of Didsbury's Central Core Heritage Plan and will have plenty of character touches from the façade to the interior common space décor.

Mr. Monk was pleased with the response and surprised at the interest in the top floor "luxury suites." "They won't last long," he said. "I'm confident the entire project will be a success in meeting a housing need in the community. The Trade Show was a terrific venue to introduce the project and I'm happy with the result."

Plans are underway to begin Heritage Crossing this August with possession planned for early autumn, 2010. Initial deposits for units are being taken now. Don't wait to begin your condominium lifestyle. Visit us at the Open House on April 23, 2009 or call Ashbury Design at 403-224-3600 for more information.

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Pancake breakfast
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Wrap-Up ad
Artist Show & Sale

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Deputy Mayor Jason Brander
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Didsbury Lions Club

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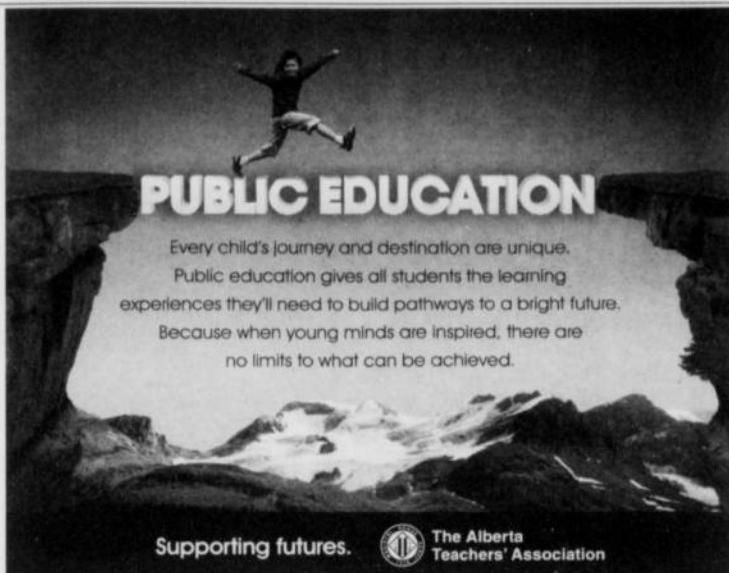


SWEET - Didsbury mascot Didsbee gets a big hug from two-year-old Tessa Snyder during the recent Art, Travel & Trade Expo at the Didsbury Memorial Complex.



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DIDSBUY MUSEUM is closed for tours to allow us to do electrical work throughout the building. However, our office will remain open during the winter months for business and research on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 1pm - 4pm.

DIDSBUY ELKS LODGE supper meetings every 2nd and 4th thursdays. Supper at

7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 50-50 Centre. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

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HUGE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE April 25th at Didsbury complex. Book you tables (\$15) now and get ready for the crowds! Time 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Neighborhood Place 403-335-8719. 10-16

and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

DIDSBUY CHARGERS REGISTRATION open until April 15, 2009. Openings for Mini Tyke, Pee Wee and Midget players. Call 403-335-8386 to register. 12-15

ANNUAL MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY Saturday April 18 at 7 p.m. Didsbury Masonic Hall. \$5 per person. Proceeds to DHS Scholarship Fund. Sponsored by St. Hilda Chapter #27 OES. 13-14

COMEDY NIGHT Midway Community School has a comedy night at Long Pine Hall featuring comedian Darrel Makk (aka Daddy Makk). Tickets are \$15 each. It is a fundraiser to purchase a gymnastic mat for our school. Contact Susan at Midway School 403-337-2888 for tickets. 14-15

MOPS KIDS SWAP MEET Sat. April 25, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Crossfield Community Center. More info contact Joanne (403)946-1280. 14-16

OLDS ART CLUB is hosting the Alberta Community Art Clubs Assoc. Central Zone Art Show & Sale. May 2/09, 3 pm - 8 pm & May 3/09, 12 pm - 3 pm at the Evergreen Centre, 5237 - 52 Street. 15-17

CRIME WATCH

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

House window smashed

Between about 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. on April 3, a basement window of a Cremona residence was smashed. Nothing appeared to have been taken. Police say that the homeowner's dog likely scared off the perpetrator. Police conducted neighbourhood inquiries but are asking any witnesses to contact

Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

Electronics stolen

Sometime between 6 p.m. on April 3 and 7 p.m. on April 4, the driver's side window of a vehicle parked on the 1600 block of 25 St. in Didsbury was smashed. The battery cable was then cut to silence the vehicle's alarm. Several electronic items were reportedly taken. Everyone is reminded to keep vehicles locked and valuables out of sight.

Shed door kicked in

Sometime between 11 p.m. on April 2 and the morning of April 3, the door of a shed along the 2000 block of 19 Ave. was kicked in. Nothing was reported stolen.

Cocaine seized

On April 7, 2009 at 11:20 pm Didsbury RCMP stopped a vehicle for a traffic offence on Range Road 20 in Mountain View County. Upon further investigation, police seized 20 grams of cocaine, valued at about \$2,000.

Didsbury RCMP have charged Billy Georgopoulos, 28, and Gordon Defoe, 19, both of Didsbury, with one count each of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. Georgopoulos has also been charged with a traffic offence as well as a breach of recognizance.

Both have been released and are scheduled to appear in Didsbury Provincial Court on June 1.

Any suspicious activity or vehicles should be reported immediately to the Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.

Church Directory

The REVIEW is pleased to provide this Church Directory as a community service

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 335-4664
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For more information please contact
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Catholic Women's League:
Wendy MacKenzie 335-8507

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John Reimer, Associate Pastor
(Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor
(Global Connections & Youth)
Alison LeFebvre, Director of Youth Ministries
Christine Little, Director of Children's Ministries
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\$299,900

25th Street Lot
81' X 120' lot, walkout potential, back lane, choose your own builder, no GST, in preferred area of town!



\$99,900

2 College Green Close
Great 2 bedroom villa style condo, spacious floor plan, main floor laundry, double garage, super location in the complex.



\$249,900

2029 - 18 Avenue
Upgraded older home on a huge lot (80' X 120'), 3 bedrooms, large rear deck with hot tub, large balcony off of master bedroom, zoned residential/commercial.



\$229,900

Great 1/4 West of Didsbury
152.9 acres, perimeter fenced, 2 dugouts, oil revenue, great building sites, mountain view.



\$545,000

1324 - 21 Avenue
Unserviced vacant lot in a mature area of town, slopes west to east so good walkout potential, quiet street, no GST!



\$69,900

1317 - 20 Avenue
Here's your own park in town! 80' X 215' lot. 3 + 1 bedrooms, fireplace, many upgrades, main floor, 2+ garages, 2 1/2 baths, oversized double garage, zoned residential/commercial, great potential!



\$349,900

34 Westhill Crescent
Over 1700 sq ft, various recent upgrades, jetted tub, fireplace, main floor laundry, newer flooring, double detached garage, large yard



\$317,500

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7 Carriage Lane Way, Carstairs



\$364,900

2025 - 20 Avenue



\$429,900

9 West Highlands Bay, Carstairs



\$449,900

Absolutely beautiful new home! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, tile, 3 way fireplace, huge ensuite bath, maple cabinetry, high quality and great value from Greenwood Homes!

1515 McAlpine Street, Carstairs



\$353,500

Great Family 2 Storey! Over 1700 sq ft of brand new living, gas fireplace, walk through pantry, floor laundry, huge lot, ready for a summer possession

43 Valarosa Drive



\$376,900

#20, 1706 - 22 Avenue



\$179,900

42 Meadowview Court



\$349,900

101 Westridge Place



\$399,900

Custom Built and Top of the Line! 2+2 bedrooms, 3 baths, 10' ceilings, gourmet kitchen with granite counters, double sided fireplace, ensuite like you've never seen!

2018 - 21 Avenue



\$254,900

Full of character and charm! 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, original fir floors, fireplace, main floor den and sitting room, old time garage/shop

15 Westhill Crescent



\$319,900

Plenty of room for the whole family! Hardwood floors, sunken family room with fireplace, beautiful kitchen, newer flooring, double garage, excellent location backing onto huge park

10 Westhill Place



\$189,900

2 storey half duplex, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, wood burning fireplace, newer kitchen countertops, new shingles, newer rear deck, large yard, great location

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